

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for July 13:

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake – You can be arrested for boating under the influence (BUI) of drugs and/or alcohol, and convictions for BUI could mean jail time, large fines, cancellation or rate hikes on your insurance or loss of your driver's license.

Alcohol impairs your balance, coordination, reaction time, peripheral vision and depth perception. Because it takes about one hour to metabolize one drink, if you choose to boat before that hour is up, you could be BUI.

"You are the captain and if an intoxicated passenger falls overboard and drowns, you may be responsible," stated Utah State Parks Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller. "Utah law also prohibits a motorboat operator from having an open container of alcohol while the boat is in operation."

A person operating a motorboat on Utah's waters is considered to have given consent to take a chemical test. If the person is BUI, the arresting officer may seize and impound a boat, trailer and tow vehicle. Play safe, play sober!

For more information, please contact stateparks.utah.gov or (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

August 1 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Leapin' Lizards! Join us at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for a program about reptiles. Test your reptile knowledge, see real snakes and lizards and get inside the mind of a rattlesnake. (435) 259-2614

August 2 – December 29 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
Art Exhibit: Enjoy black and white photography by Durango-based photographer Dave Manley. (435) 678-2238

August 4 and 6 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Human History of the Colorado River: Join the park ranger for a discussion exploring this important water source in the desert southwest. Meet at 8 p.m. at the visitor center amphitheater. (435) 259-2614

August 6 Jordanelle State Park - Heber
Star Party: Join the Salt Lake Astronomical Society and Jordanelle State Park employees for a star party at 9 p.m. at the Hailstone Event Center. Day-use fee is \$10 per vehicle with up to eight people, or free to Utah State Park pass holders. Hailstone is located on the west side of Jordanelle Reservoir, off the Highway 40 Mayflower Exit. (435) 649-9540

August 7 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Junior Ranger Program - Is the Moon Made of Cheese? Children six to 12 are invited to come and learn all about the moon, the solar system, and lots of cool space stuff during this one-hour program designed to get kids excited about nature. Meet at the campground office at 1 p.m. (435) 654-1791

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